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APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO THE NOVEMBER 6, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 22	MINUS	** 22	X	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 1	MINUS	1	X	() X 42.00 () X 84.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME	
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SIR:

Applicants and their counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the references relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In the November 6m 2003 Office Action, claims 1-6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Plickert et al. These claims were previously rejected based on the Plickert et al. reference in the May 9, 2003 Office Action, however, in that earlier Office Action the Examiner had relied on the substrate 30 in the Plickert et al. reference as allegedly serving to encapsulate the lenses and the laser. In Applicants' Response filed August 11, 2003, Applicants provided arguments as to why this interpretation of the Plickert et al. reference was not correct. The Examiner now agrees that the substrate 30 does not serve to encapsulate the lenses and the laser in the Plickert et al. reference, however, the Examiner is now relying on the truncated pyramid shape that is provided within the